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Columbiana

25th July 1859

Dear Anna

My dear Anna

Mrs Brown gratified me very much, and I have been long desiring to acknowledge the receipt of it, and to tell you how much I feel your kind remembrance of me. I trust dear Anna we shall meet again, and renew our old Friendship. - My new-made acquaintance Mrs B. - I found as you represented her, intelligent; and agreeable. Her stay however was much shorter than I anticipated from your letter. We look forward to the return of Mr. & Mrs Brown with much pleasure in the Fall of the year

and hope to meet them often in
Society. - Mrs. Catharine I under-
stand is now with you, and I
sincerely hope she will prevail
on you and your family to visit
your native state, and if all
your old friends feel towards you
as I do dear Anna, you will
receive a warm and hearty
welcome, my heart and house
open to you. Your children I am
anxious to see, and introduce
to mine. Floride is about the
age, or it may be a little older
than my Lathie, who was sixteen
last January - how well I can
remember dear Anna when
you were last in Exeter
with your two babies as they were
then, Catharine, and Floride, and
we have not met since. And as
we must all yield to stern time
and nature's wrinkling laws.

I fear we would recognize the
traces of "Times" paper, and
we might have fitting occa-
sion for troublesome reflections
if so inclined. I trust however
we shall meet again, and that
our children may become good
friends. I have Thos - my
eldest Sallie 16 years of age, my
second a boy John 4. John 14 -
and the third Mary Maria 11 years
of age. Sallie I would like to
place with Mrs Barton for
about nine months to learn
French, and Music, if the cli-
mate is not too severe. Do you
think it would be safe? Will
you write me dear Anna and
tell me, and also Mrs Barton
terms for the expense for French
and Music.

Mr Harris is quite
mortified that you should have

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forgotten his visit to you, for
in your letter you mention
not to have seen him. He
remembers having made your
acquaintance with very great
pleasure, also Mrs Calhoun
when Mr. Calhoun owned the
bank to whom and Mrs
Calhoun remembers most
kindly.

Very affectionately
Your friend
A. J. Harris